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## Docket 2014-044; Cause No. 139-126

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Good Afternoon:

Please find attached copy of BIA's letter dated 12/09/2014 regarding the UDOGM Hearing set for tomorrow, December 10, 2014. At this time the BIA does not consent to the force pooling of allotted mineral acreage set forth in Docket No. 2014-044, Cause No. 139-126.

If you have any questions feel free to contact or email me at the contact information below, or you may contact my immediate supervisor, Antonio Pingree, Deputy Trust Superintendent at (435) 722-4322 or email at [antonio.pingree@bia.gov](mailto:antonio.pingree@bia.gov).

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF  
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Re: Docket 2014-044; Cause No. 139-126

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), acting in its Trust capacity on behalf of trust mineral interest, is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Utah Oil, Gas, and Mining Board on December 10, 2014.

The proposal submitted would affect Indian trust minerals held for the benefit of one or more Individual Indian Mineral Owners (Allottees) on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. In matters such as this, forced pooling, affecting Indian trust mineral estate, the BIA must concur with or accept the proposal for it to be effective.

Based upon the exhibits provided, Rig II, LLC proposes to force pool the Indian trust mineral estate, along with other non-consenting owners. At this point in time, the BIA does not consent to the force pooling of the Indian trust assets in the referenced matter, and we are requesting for a continuation to further evaluate the spacing and attempt to get the mineral acreage leased.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mrs. Paula Black, Realty Specialist at (435) 722-4313 or Mr. Antonio Pingree, Deputy Trust Superintendent at (435) 722-4322.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2014.

Sincerely,

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